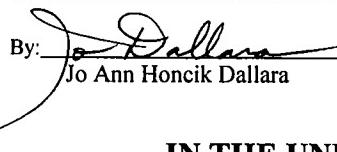


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

A petition to extend the time for response by three months until March 27, 2007, accompanies this Communication. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required for submission of this response. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such a fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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